

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated November 11, 2004. Claims 1-3 and 6-20 are pending in this application. Claims 4-5 have been canceled previously. Claims 9-20 are allowed. In the Office Action, Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In response, Claim 1 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendment, the rejection should be withdrawn. Applicant also requests that the amendment be entered as it does not raise new issues and places the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitation that the body will not revert to a flat state. The Patent Office acknowledges that this amendment is not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 and Claims 2-3 and 6-8 that depend therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the above identified patent application be passed to allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application and earnestly solicits an early allowance of same

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